

EIGHTER FROM DECATUR

1★ Auto accidents have been on the increase, and drivers licenses are being checked more closely now than ever before. YOU check your drivers license and see if it has expired—or if you do not have a license, the highway department has a representative here every Wednesday—at the city hall—to accept your application. A check-up in time may save future embarrassment!

**DON'T LET THIS
HAPPEN TO
Youth!**

Millions of unfortunate youngsters overseas can't remember anything but war, so they've never known a life without misery. But you can help them start a new life of health and happiness by contributing the spare clothing in your attic, trunks, and closets. All types of clothing are needed, in all sizes. Dig out this clothing today.

**VICTORY
CLOTHING COLLECTION**
for Overseas Relief JAN. 7-31

2★ Our Memorial Fund has been dormant for the past six weeks, during the Victory Loan Drive, the War Chest Drive and the Christmas holiday period. With so much other activity, we thought best to discontinue our campaign for funds for a memorial to Wise County Servicemen and women until after the final war fund drive and the final war chest drive. Now that things have more or less returned to normal, we are once more opening our undertaking and next week will give a full resume of what has happened. See EIGHTER on page 5

Sheriff Pays \$14,288 Into General Fund During Past Year

Income from the sheriff's office in 1945 has paid into the county general fund more than \$14,288.90, according to a report made by Sheriff Branch today. This amount resulted from fines for transportation, offering for sale and other charges resulting from handling of whiskey in Wise county.

The above figure is net amount after all fees, etc., had been deducted.

The sheriff's office has handled 301 cases last year, in precinct 1; 21 cases in Justice Court at Boyd, and 30 cases in Bridgeport Justice Court.

Of this total, 168 cases were drunk driving, and the others included carrying a pistol, assault, theft, possession of liquor for purpose of sale, transportation of liquor, swindling by worthless check, illegal practice of medicine without license, destroying public property, gambling and drunkenness.

The sheriff reported 10 to 12 drunk driving cases, with no fatal results, but damage to property and automobiles.

Heathingtons Buy Nocona Theatre

H H Heathington, who recently sold his Texaco agency here, has purchased a picture show at Nocona, and with Mrs. Heathington went there Tuesday to assume management.

The Heathingtons will be missed by Decatur, but their host of friends here wish them much success in their new business.

Mr. Hethington was active in civic work, being a member of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and with Mrs. Hethington, took active part in the program of the First Baptist Church.

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Read the advertisements!

Tom McMurray For Reelection As Wise County Attorney

In announcing for reelection as County Attorney, of Wise County, I want first to express my appreciation for the large and convincing vote, of confidence I received at the last election, when away from here, along with many others, in the Army.

Since my return from overseas and assuming the duties of office, I have not had the opportunity to thank all of you in person and avail myself of this means of doing so for your past support and confidence, and have tried to conduct the affairs of office in a conscientious, fair and vigorous manner.

The success of any public official, especially one charged with the responsibility of enforcing the laws depends largely upon the citizens of the community, in backing him to the limit in his efforts to prevent, suppress and punish offenders. During the time I have been your County Attorney, I have had very splendid cooperation from the people and especially those who have made sacrifices to attend court as witnesses, members of the Grand Jury, and the trial Jury and if returned to office certainly will feel confident that I can always depend on your help and support in the enforcement of all of our laws all the time. My assurance to you that law enforcement in Wise County is and will be my first consideration.

Respectfully Yours,
Tom McMurray

COUNTRY BANKING IS LOOKING UP

The following story was prepared by Frank Turner, and appeared in a recent issue of the Bankers Digest.

Country banking has speeded up in recent years, like everything else, but the essentials of sound country banking have remained the same, in the opinion of Frank Turner, president of the First National Bank of Decatur.

Mr. Turner is well qualified to express an opinion. When he assumed the presidency of the Decatur institution at the beginning of 1938, it had resources of \$669,282. The bank's resources today are crowding the three-million-dollar mark. Loans and discounts are over \$350,000 now, as compared with only \$125,000 on December 31, 1938.

"Know-how" is the basic in- See BANKING on page 3

Decaturitems

Another two inch rain Thursday night gave the county a good soaking, which is plenty for the present, we hope.

Decaturites who tried long distance last week end found local operators not taking long distance calls. The phone operators at Dallas and Fort Worth were on strike, as was the case in many metropolitan centers of the north and east.

McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas, 4,000-bed amputation and neuro-surgical center of the Army, will be See Decaturitems on page 5

THE RECENT TWISTER —

Here is a picture of the two cabooses and baggage car of the Burlington line, which were thrown from the tracks last week, January 4, when struck by a freak twister. In the background is the unroofed home of the Lisbys, which suffered considerable damage, but no one was injured.

J E Whitaker, brakeman on the train, pictured at the top of the page, was seriously injured in the accident. He was able to be moved to a Fort Worth hospital last Sunday.

J. B. (Jack) Pruitt Asks Promotion To State Senate

Representative J B (Jack) Pruitt this week authorizes us to announce his candidacy for the office of State Senator of the 22d. Senatorial district, the position now held by R C Lanning of Jacksboro, but who is not seeking reelection.

Mr. Pruitt's formal announcement will be published later.

JEWELRY STORE HERE BURGLARIZED

The Burke Jewelry Co. was loser Monday night when the display window was broken and several watches taken from the display.

According to Sheriff Branch Freddie E McCarty, age 18, of South Bend Indiana, knocked out the plate glass window with his fist, then went to the hotel and called Sheriff Branch. By the time Branch reached the hotel, McCarty had left, and Sheriff Branch apprehended McCarty a short way out on the Bridgeport highway.

Six watches and 2 cigarette lighters were recovered, said Branch.

McCarty is being held by the local authorities.

Book Review Jan. 22 At the College

Through the courtesy of Sanger Bros., Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Herbert Emery will present a book review, Dear Ruth, at the Decatur Baptist College Auditorium at 7:30 pm, January 22. The Woman's Club is sponsoring the review and invites the people of the County who would like an entertaining evening to attend. The price of admission is thirty cents and tickets will be on sale by members of the club.

Mrs. Emery's reputation is an excellent one and Wise County is fortunate in having this opportunity to hear her.

Farm Bureau Meets Tomorrow Night

Members of the Farm Bureau are reminded of the meeting to elect officers and discuss the plans for the future Friday, the 18th at the Lions Club Hall in Decatur.

All members are urged to be present at this meeting.



TWISTER VICTIM—
J E Whitaker, above, injured in the storm last week, was taken to Fort Worth last Sunday.

Kit J. (Mike) Stutt Asks For the Office Of County Clerk

Kit J (Mike) Stutt this week authorizes this newspaper to announce his candidacy for the office of County Clerk of Wise County, subject to the Democratic primaries.

His formal announcement will appear in next week's issue.

EARLY PAYMENT OF POLL TAXES AND THE SECURING OF EXEMPTIONS URGED BY THE OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR WALLACE BRADY

Wise countians are reminded to pay their poll taxes (and taxes at net amounts as next month interest and penalty accrues on unpaid current taxes) and to secure poll tax exemptions now. J Wallace Brady urges all concerned with exemptions to secure their poll tax immediately. Those becoming of age can vote free if they secure exemption certificates from the tax collectors office.

The much discussed issue over the state whether veterans will be eligible to vote in the coming elections this year without a poll tax or exemption certificate, has been causing no end of trouble to certain politicians who are afraid of the soldier vote. An attempt has been made to cloud the issue but we think that the following statements issued by Senator George Moffett author of the soldier vote bill, should clear the matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Senator Moffett's statement follows:

"A veteran who has an honorable discharge dated within 18 months of the next election and is willing to make an affidavit as to his age and residence, UNQUESTIONABLY has the right to vote without a poll tax receipt or certificate and NO ELECTION JUDGE CAN LEGALLY KEEP HIM FROM IT, Senator George Moffett of Chillicothe, author of the constitutional amendment permitting ex-service men of World War II to vote without payment of a poll tax, said Wednesday.

"The language of the amendment adopted by the people last August is clear, Senator Moffett said. It provides that a person honorably discharged from the armed services within 18 months before an election is held in Texas need not pay nor hold a receipt for the payment of a poll tax in order to vote. He must, however, be a citizen of Texas, 21 years of age, and never been convicted of a felony.

"A veteran does not need a certificate to show the election judge. If the judge is in doubt, he may require the prospective voter to execute an affidavit stating that he is an ex-service man and otherwise a qualified voter. This is already the accepted procedure for a civilian who has lost his poll tax receipt.

What Can You Spare That They Can Wear OLD CLOTHING DRIVE OPENS IN COUNTY; CONTAINERS PLACED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Red Cross Will Aid Wise Countians In Immediate Need

Miss Margaret McCoy, disaster relief worker for American Red Cross, was in the county the first of this week checking damage done by the storm a few days ago. Miss McCoy authorized the statement that the Red Cross will undertake to assist in meeting the immediate and most pressing needs of any in the county who suffered any damage as a result of the storm.

"The Red Cross does not undertake to compensate for losses in such cases, but is in position to help those who need help in obtaining things most needed," Miss McCoy stated.

Acting upon this authority, the local Red Cross chapter requests any who need help as a result of the recent storm to get in touch with Mrs. Alma Jennings at the Red Cross office in the McMurray-Gettys building by Jan. 25th and make their needs known. Alton B. Lee, Chairman, Wise County Chapter, American Red Cross.

The appeal has come from President Truman and National Chairman Henry Kaiser for a wide support of the Victory Clothing Collection. Ads by local sponsors appear in this issue of this paper.

The goal has been set for clothing and shoes to outfit 100,000,000 persons in the war-ravaged nations. The needs of these helpless victims is immediate and desperate. Such items as coats, dresses, sweaters, overcoats, shoes and bedding materials are urgently in need.

Containers have been provided for depositing the garments at the following places in Decatur: Riegers, Perkins-Timberlake, First National Bank and the post office.

County Agent C H Bates and others have started the drive—and they request that usable articles be taken to these above mentioned places.

Pastors of churches are naming committees, and others asked to direct the organization are Mrs. Nolan Sewell and Mrs. Grady Woodruff with the PTA, L L Burress and F W Burton for the Lions Club and Mrs. F P Martin representing the Red Cross.

Receipts are to be provided at the high and grade school for convenience of families in sending articles on rural school busses.

See CLOTHING on page 4

Sgt. Bill Leonard and Mrs. Leonard of Atterbury, Indiana, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J A Leonard at Paradise and Mrs. Leonard's mother, Mrs. J W Hinton at Chico.

Sgt. Leonard has been stationed at Atterbury 14 months and will return there after he spends his furlough. Mrs. Leonard plans to remain with her mother for a visit.

Leonard taught in the local public schools before entering service and hopes to locate here when he receives his discharge

Display Removed After Four Years

After four years of display, Moore's Variety Store this week has removed pictures of servicemen from their front windows.

Parents, friends and loved ones found the picture of most every serviceman on display and appreciated this public-spiritedness of the Moore's.

The pictures may be secured by calling at the store.

RAIN AND SNOW VISIT COUNTY

Weather has been nice the past week, with an additional one and a half inches of rainfall last Thursday night.

Monday brought another nice drizzle followed by more Tuesday. What is needed now is a few days of sunshine the rainfall has been sufficient for the present at least.

A heavy snow fall came late Tuesday covering Wise county with a blanket of white. Melting and freezing Wednesday added to slickness on roads and sidewalks. Highways were very bad in spots, many cars slipped and slid. The kids had a time throwing snowballs, and building snow men—this being the first heavy snowfall in several years, measured about 1 inch.

Mr. and Mrs. R C Hooker have been advised by the Navy that their son, Carl C Hooker would receive his discharge at Shoemaker, Calif. Hooker has been stationed at Santa Rosa, Calif. He has been in service 2 years.



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Edman A. Hughes
Funeral services were held for Edman A. Hughes at 2 pm, Dec. 19 at the Newlin Baptist church and interment was in Newlin Cemetery.
He passed away Dec. 18 at the home of his son, Everett Hughes, Memphis, Texas where he had made his home for over

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Radios and Electrical Equipment repaired.
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Charlie Rann, owner :- North Side Square

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More and More New Subscribers to the Wise County Messenger Are Listed Below

New subscribers to the Messenger the past four weeks include: Ray Harper, city, J L Hollingsworth, city, Fred Greer, city, J B Starnes Jr, city, Mrs. J E Shoemaker, city, Mrs. Pearl Lewis, city, Luther Reed, City, I T Burton, city, Bennie Thompson, city, Rollins Taylor, city, Nolan Sewell, city, John Gunn, city, R B Wells, city, Bun Johnson, city, N E Reeves, city, Mrs. J L Jones, Everett Clark, city, J E Rudstill, route 3, George Stice, route 3, city, Mrs. S A Phillips, city, A A Bass, city, C R Freeman, city, Mrs. A P Deaton, city, Dan Buck, route 1, Vance Paschall, route 2, Earl D Cansler, route 2, J H Lambert, route 2, B E Terry, route 2, Ella Thompson, route 2, S D Hinton, route 1, Mrs. W R Buffington, city, Jewel B Carter, city, Billie Thompson, city, Arthur Grimes, route 3, C F Pounds, Boyd, Mrs. Jack Wright, route 4, M L Holt, route 4, Jack Wright, route 4, Mrs. E C Gilliland, route 4, H H Ramsey, route 4, J E Parsons, route 4, J L Whitenead, route 4, Rev. H M Harrison, route 3, J W Garvey, route 3, J J Boyett, Sunset, G L Granstaff, Boyd, Kit J Stutt, Paradise, Elmer Hudson, route 4, T C Florida, Ft. Worth, D M Ferguson, Ft. Worth, O R Ewing, Wichita Falls, Mrs. R T Howard, Alvord, C M Watts, Alvord, J W Inman, Rhome, Clyne M Smith, Alvord, Weldon Munn, Boyd, W L Hall, Boyd, Leslie Yerby, Sunset, Albert Mothes, Lubbock, Floyd Meador, Orange, T C McMurray, Graham, T M Clark, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Ralph Rae, Flushing, N Y, W A Peck, Glen Rose, Mrs. Luther Mounts, Tucumcari, N M, Dewey Reed, Coleman, Pfc. Claude E Smith, care Postmaster, New York, W T Hill, city, Mrs. H S Ford, Rhome, Mrs. Maude Casey, Grand Prairie, Victor L Rosenberg, Vida, Oregon, Lee Cartwright, city, H M Mooney, city, Cecil J King, Dallas, Blanche Tatum, city, Velma Neece, Fort Worth.

ment was in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Decatur.

The deceased passed away in a hospital in Alice, Texas, Friday, December 28. He was 53 years old when the end of his life came.

Lester Rasbury At Brooke Hospital

Set. Leter C Rasbury, Decatur has been admitted to Brooke Hospital, Fort San Houston, Texas, one of the Army's largest medical installations, for further treatment and observation. He is a liberated prisoner of war of the Japanese. He is the son of Mrs. Annie L. Rasbury, Rt., a native of Decatur.

Lewis Hall On Eagle Cage Squad

Denton, Texas, Spl., Jan. 12 —Lewis Hall, son of T E Hall of Slidell, has been listed as a member of the North Texas State College Eagle cage squad which last week defended their Lone Star Conference championship title by defeating Stephen F Austni State Teachers College in t h e opening game of the conference.

Lone Star Conference basketball was resumed on Jan. 9 after an absence of three war years, when the North Texas Eagles defeated SFA College at Nacogdoches 39 to 33. The eagles held the title at the conclusion of the 1943 season when, due to the war, the conference play was called off.

OUR PEANUT CROP

Bridgeport, Texas, Jan. 16— Our peanut buyer, J. G. Siddens, reports buying 1200 tons of peanuts last season against 2200 tons in 1944. The crop was a little short last season. He estimates that around one-half million dollars were paid to the peanut growers of Wise County in 1945. He also predicts that the

Announcement . .

Commander J. H. Valcik announces his association with the

Decatur Clinic Hospital

and

Dr. J. T. Darwin

in the practice of medicine and surgery.

FREEDOM !

to Fend for Herself...

What YOU Can Do!

1. Get together all the clothing you can spare.
2. Take it to your local collection depot immediately.
3. Volunteer some spare time to your local committee.

The more you do the better you'll feel

This little girl is free—to fend for herself! Free—to face a multitude of problems.

Her problems are the world's problems. Let's face them.

For instance, let's face the desperate need for clothing by the victims of Nazi and Jap oppression.

Dig into your attics, trunks, and closets today . . . dig out all the clothing you can spare.

VICTORY CLOTHING COLLECTION
for Overseas Relief **JAN. 7 to 31** HENRY J. KAISER
National Chairman

This advertisement was prepared by the Advertising Council for the Victory Clothing Collection, and is sponsored by

DECATUR ICE COMPANY

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TUMMY FISHING ! A PADLOCK SWALLOWED BY THIS YOUNGSTER WAS FISHED OUT BY A TINY ALNICO MAGNET ATTACHED TO A STOMACH TUBE. ALNICO, MOST POWERFUL MAGNETIC MATERIAL KNOWN TO MAN, CAN LIFT MANY TIMES ITS OWN WEIGHT. ITS USE WAS DEVELOPED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC SCIENTISTS.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

WISE COUNTY LONG AGO

Interesting items from the files of The Wise County Messenger 25 and 50 Years Ago.

25 YEARS AGO

JAN. 14, 1921

Hear Ckovgaard, the Danish Violinist, in Decatur, Jan. 17, a rare musical treat. Populars prices. Seats on sale at E. W. Bass and Company.

At the Methodist Church last Sunday night \$500 was raised for the sufferers in Poland.

Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.

No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

Tax assessor Victor Nobles announces the appointment of the following deputy tax assessors for the county: Chico, Walter Allen Alvord, J. W. Spencer; Paradise, E. E. Bunnell; Boyd, E. T. Ford; Decatur, Elwood McDaniel.

Walter Wood on last Monday tendered his resignation as constable of this precinct.

Mrs. Tully Fields entertained with bridge Tuesday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. Erwin Brewer.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1896

Program of Teachers Institute to be held at Alvord on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Opening Exercises

Welcome Address—Miss Mary Hanes.

How to Overcome the Evil Influence of Home Training—Mrs. Carrie Warren.

Teaching as a Stepping Stone—J. W. Adams, Chico.

Psychology—A. G. Davis and

E. B. Clark.

Object of a Recitation—Joe Bryan and J. M. Dyer.

Literature and Mental Training—J. L. Bain.

Professional Training before Entering the Profession—W. H. Alexander.

School Revenue—A. W. Weatherford.

Text Books—W. W. Witt.

How to Improve our Institutes—Miss Francis Cate and Mrs. Lela Woodward.

Mrs. Goursaud

Mrs. Martha E. Goursaud was born in the state of Kansas, March 10, 1851 and spent most of her life in Kansas and California. She had been married since she was a young lady but had no children. Her husband passed on about four years ago and she came to Decatur to make her home with her neices, Mrs. R. L. Thompson and Mrs. Tal Lively.

She departed this life at Mrs. Tal Lively's residence Monday December 17, at eight am.

Funeral services were held at Christians Chapel Tuesday morning, December 17, at nine o'clock, conducted by Rev. Roy Anderson, and after services were concluded in Decatur, the body was taken to Restland

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Tennessee Dairies Improvements

Ben Williams took us through some recent installations at the Tennessee Dairies plant here, latest of which is a stainless steel milk storage tank. Other changes are being made, which includes the new automatic butter-wrapping machine—now the butter goes in one side and comes out the other all wrapped in quarter-pound packages.

This company recently took over the building of the old chemurgic plant, to use for storage space for materials and equipment.

The capacity of the plant has been taxed to the nth degree for the past year, and the installation of time saving equipment with additional storage and working space, will enable increased output in a shorter period of time.

Memorial Crematory in Dallas for Cremation. The remains were then returned to Decatur for interment on the Liveley Lot, in Oak Lawn, Decatur Cemetery.

Read the ads each week.

JUST RECEIVED

Shipment of SINGER MACHINE OIL, NEEDLES and PARTS!

SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED

GEO. D. MABRY

Southwest Corner of the Square — Decatur, Texas

BANKING from page 1

out ever having consciously considered it, that good human relations are good public relations. The Decatur banker is highly optimistic about the future of the small town in Texas.

"There was a time," he recalled, "when the wise boys said the small town was a goner. They've changed their tune now. Take Decatur: we're making real progress in getting some small industries under way here. Only this week announcement was made that a garment manufacturer is going to open a plant here. That will give employment to so many people—a few dozen, maybe a hundred; I don't know exactly. But I do know that when they get their wages they'll go to the dry goods stores and the groceries and the local utilities and spend that money. They will get it into circulation and that will help the community."

Mr. Turner also knows the people of his community. He sits at a desk just inside a low railing near the bank's entrance. He is available to anybody who wants to come in and see him. There is nothing stuffy or standoffish about the First National or its president. People come in to talk to him and he calls them by their first names. He obviously understands, perhaps with-

Whatever helps the community is bound to help the bank," he added.

In that last sentence Mr. Turner summed up succinctly the policy on which he operates the First National. The bank is an energetic business citizen of the community because its president sees clearly that the bank and the community must stand or fall together.

Mr. Turner believes wholeheartedly that both are going to stand—and to expand. Wise County, of which Decatur is the capital, long has been a thriving dairy center. It has a diversified agriculture. And now industry is coming along—not a lot of industry, not industry on a huge scale, but soundly based industry that will give employment to local people and that will become an integral part of the community's economy.

Decatur is prospering. Houses are as hard to find there as in Dallas. Thorough-going plans have been made to hold the economic gains of the last few years. Mr. Turner and the First National helped to shape these plans and are helping to carry them out, for always in the mind of this banker is the axiom that what helps a community helps the community's bank.

Mr. Turner is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank and vice president of the First National of Bridgeport, also in Wise County.

Miss Blanche Tatum visited her parents in Abilene this week.

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From Our Schools Come New Leaders

Agriculture looks forward with confidence to tomorrow because its youth is being trained properly today.

Our United States public school system has taught scientific agriculture to millions of boys and girls in the vocational agriculture courses of nearly 10,000 rural high schools. Here students learn the improvement and proper use of the soil which is our basic wealth; how to produce ton litters of pork in less than six months; the care and repair of farm machinery; and many other vital things.

Such studies create an interest in research and this is important—for scientific research is vital in agriculture and other industries. Science has been back of the development of modern farm machinery; of cows that produce

15,000 pounds of milk; hybrid corn; breeds of beef cattle, hogs and sheep capable of converting feed into meat and fiber economically and speedily. Research in the science of agriculture is a major national resource which has contributed largely to the high standard of American living.



MEAT BUYING CUSTOMS

Bostonians like beef from heavy steers, St. Louisans prefer beef from light ones. It is of interest to livestock producers and meat packers that taste, money-to-spend, seasons, beliefs and habits all affect meat buying customs in different parts of the United States. Our new 16 mm. moving picture sound film, animated and in color, "MEAT BUYING CUSTOMS," explains these differences. Interesting for lodge, grange, school or church shows, and farm and livestock meetings. You pay only transportation one way. Write to Department 128, Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago 9, Illinois.



A RECORD TO BEAT

Who will be America's Star Farmer of 1946? He'll have to be good to beat the record of Gordon Eichhorn of Marion County, Ohio, who won this top award of the Future Farmers of America at their 1945 National Convention last fall. A high school freshman in 1939 with one sow, two steers and 26 sheep, Gordon now has 60 hogs, 90 sheep, 1,500 chickens, land and equipment for a total net worth of more than \$8,300. He farms his own land, is partner with his dad on 186 acres, and rents from his neighbors 96 acres more on which he raises corn, alfalfa, small grains and clover.



THE EDITOR'S COLUMN



Several times in this space, I have invited producers of agricultural products to come and see us. As a result of this, we have had quite a number of visitors. Conversations with these visitors have been very interesting and helpful to me and have brought out many of the ideas which producers have regarding the livestock and meat industry.

Some recent conversations indicated that quite a number of producers think that there are less than a hundred meat packers in the United States, in fact some thought there were as few as ten. This idea seems to come from the fact that many of them ship their livestock to only one market and are familiar only with the number of meat packing plants at that market. I am sure that it will interest all of you to know that there are more than 3,500 meat packers in the United States. In addition, there are upwards of 22,500 other commercial slaughterers.

The only way those 26,000 companies and people can make money in their business is to sell meat. And to sell meat they must buy livestock. So all over the country—from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine, from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border—these competing livestock buyers are bidding against each other for the essential material of their businesses—the cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep produced by American farmers and ranchers. The buyers who get that livestock are the ones who bid the highest prices in their particular areas.

F. M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Department

Cash Prizes for BEST LETTERS

on "Methods Employed by Meat Packers in Marketing Meats, Poultry, Eggs, Butter, and Cheese." Not more than 500 words.

1st prize, \$75—2nd, \$50—3rd, \$25—next ten, \$10 each—next thirty, \$5 each.

Duplicate prizes in case of ties. We are offering these prizes because we believe that livestock producers have a "business interest" in our marketing methods . . . and because we believe that your views will be of value to us. To help you write your contest letters we'll be glad to send you the information we have on the subject. Write to F. M. Simpson, Department 128, Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Illinois.

This contest starts now, ends May 1, 1946. It is open to all.

Swift & Company

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CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

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IT PAYS TO KEEP FARM ACCOUNTS

By E. C. YOUNG
Professor of Agricultural Economics
Purdue University



E. C. Young

Profits are the final test of good farming. Farm accounts give the results of management in dollars and cents. Well kept records are a check on management. They serve as a basis for determining the success or failure of crop and livestock practices. Properly kept, they identify the profitable and unprofitable enterprises and suggest points at which improvements can be made.

Farm records are nothing more than an orderly classification of your financial experience. To be most valuable, they must be simple and they must be used.

Most state colleges furnish simplified account books which can be obtained through your county agent. Sometimes it is better to plan your own accounting system in an ordinary ledger. If all your cash income is deposited in the bank and all your outgo is paid by check, you can use the bank records of your deposits and checks as a basis for your accounts or as a check on your own records. Your records will be more valuable if you include an annual inventory along with your record of cash receipts and expenses.

FEEDING EARLY-LAMBING EWES

To develop good milk-producing ewes, and therefore good early lambs, winter feeding is important. Feed them plenty of top-quality legume hay and just enough grain to keep them in good condition, gaining a little weight. And don't forget exercise. It makes lambing easier and helps save a higher percentage of lambs.

Soda Bill Sez:

... that a man who is prejudiced is usually merely misinformed.

... that it's smart to live as though you expected to die tomorrow—and to farm as though you expected to live forever.



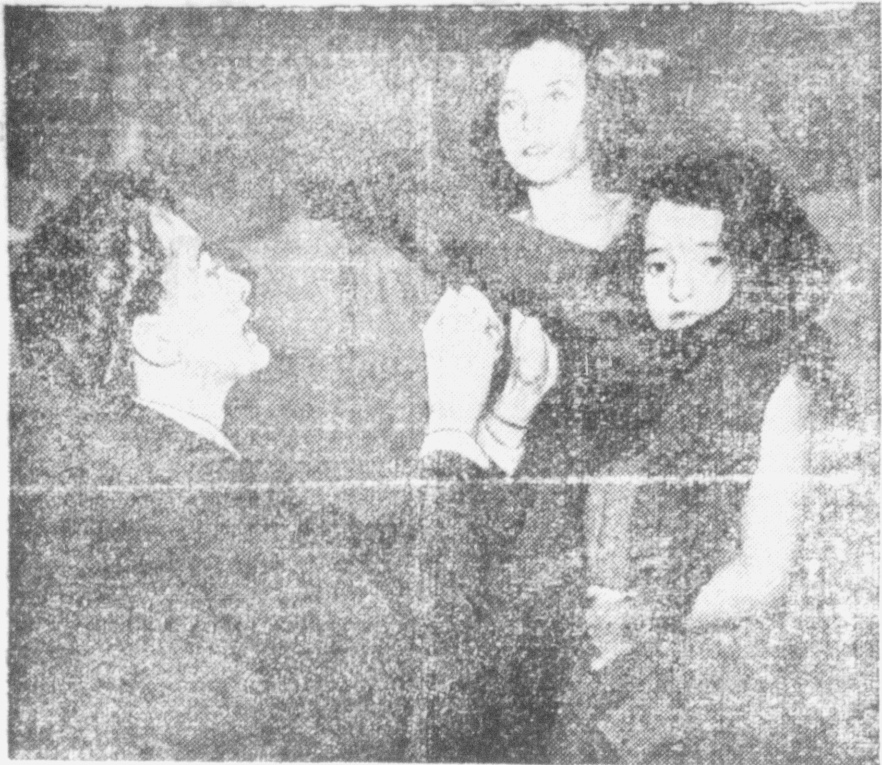
BUBBLES SEZ—



• The first thing a sweater girl learns is that woolens thrive on soap and water. But with soap so scarce, we must keep turning in USED FATS to help make it! Remember, where there's fat, there's soap. So keep on saving—help make more soap!



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THIS Yugoslav girl murmurs "America," as a relief worker slips a sweater over her shoulders and her sister awaits her turn for clothing given by the American people. Round-up everything you can spare for the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief Jan. 7-31.

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To our many friends:

On account of the date of our ship sailing being dated rather abruptly and not being able to call to bid each one good-bye, we wish through the pages of this good weekly paper to give each an effectual and tender Good-Bye. We ask that you forget all our faults and remember only our virtues. We now return to our field of work in Brasil, South America, where we have labored for 26 years.

We sail on the SS Milton H Smith, bound for Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, from the port of Pensacola, Florida on or about the 20th of this month. Our work is in the city of Sao Paulo where we will be in charge of the Baptist Center of that city. We will be glad to see you if you should come our way.

Good-Bye and God bless each of you,
Yours as ever,
Mr. and Mrs. F A R Morgan

Rev. and Mrs. Horace E Budin were in Decatur last Sunday visiting with their parents Mr. and Mrs. F A R Morgan and grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Weatherly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Weatherly and children were in Decatur and community visiting parents and friends during the last few days. They now live in Crawford Colorado. Their many friends are glad to see them.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
LORD'S DAY WORSHIP**

Bible Study 10 A. M.
Worship 11 A. M.
Young People's Study 7 P. M.
Worship 7:30 P. M.
Mid-Week Service 7:30 P. M.
The Church of Christ will have singing at 2:30 January 24th
You are invited!

Lectureship February 4th to February 8th, five of the most outstanding speakers have been selected. 7:30 P. M. All are invited!

Porter Turner

Minister

**WHAT CAN YOU SPARE
THAT SHE CAN WEAR?**



Clothing that you may consider old can bring new life to some suffering person to whom war brought despair and destitution.

Your spare clothing will be distributed free, without discrimination, to victims of Nazi and Jap oppression in Europe, the Philippines, and the Far East.

Dig into your attics, trunks, and closets today... dig out all the clothing you can possibly spare.

**Victory Clothing Collection
for Overseas Relief JAN. 7 to 31**

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**POLITICAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to action of the
Democratic Primaries

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
J WALLACE BRADY
(Reelection)

For Representative, 48th.
District (Wise County):
L. C. SLIMP, JR.

For County Judge:
J. A. SIMMONS,
(Reelection)

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
W L HALL
BOB CLEVELAND

For County Treasurer:
TOMMIE O'HARA
(Reelection)

For District Clerk:
LAURA ASH
(Reelection)

For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct 1:
IRA MALEY
(Reelection)

For Sheriff:
RAY "Sage" NOBLES

For Commissioner Precinct 1-6:
BEN MOORE
(Second Term)

For County Attorney:
TOM McMURRAY
(Reelection)

For State Senate:
J. B. (Jack) PRUITT

For County Clerk:
KIT J. (Mike) STUTT

**Promoted and
Discharged**

Captain Winfred W Carter was in San Antonio this week and while there received a promotion to Major and at the same time received his discharge from service. He recently returned from overseas, where he served for 23 months. He is a graduate of Texas A&M and was employed in soil conservation work in Wyoming before entering service. His father, Bedford Carter, whom he is visiting, accompanied him to San Antonio.

CLOTHING from page 1

**Post Offices Will
Receive Clothing
For Foreign Relief**

New York.—Soon after post offices are cleared of the last Christmas packages, they will begin to receive clothing gifts from the American people to the suffering people in bombed-out lands, according to an order of Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan which has just been made public.

Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection, declared that the order to all postmasters authorized and directed them to permit local committees of the nation-wide clothing drive to place boxes in post office lobbies to receive clothing donation.

Mr. Kaiser also announced that Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Assistant Secretary of State, will serve as the New York City chairman of the collection.

Mr. Kaiser also announced that 9,607 communities throughout America are organized to conduct clothing drives under the local chairmanship of 4,313 men and women, many of whom will direct county-wide drives.

One community, South Hero, Vt., has completed its clothing collection. The 600 residents of this village on an island in Lake Champlain began their drive a month in advance of the national campaign. Mrs. Henry Buermann, local chairman, explained that three pre-Christmas sewing bees were held to salvage garments that were worn and ripped.

The Victory Clothing Collection, scheduled from Jan. 7-31, seeks 100,000,000 used garments, in addition to shoes and bedding. Each contributor is invited to attach good-will messages to clothing gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tackel and Mr. and Mrs. Lester White attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. S W Chapman at Pulaski, Tennessee

**Supervisors Have
Regular Meeting**

Local representatives of the agricultural agencies working with farmers in the Upper West Fork Soil Conservation District met with farmers and Soil Conservation Supervisors at Jacksboro on last Thursday, January 3, for a discussion of accomplishments in Soil Conservation during the past year and work to be undertaken during the coming year. Those present from the area included, in addition to the supervisors, representatives of the Farm Security Administration, Production and Marketing Administration, Soil Conservation service, farmer groups, and vocational Agriculture teachers.

Leading the discussion were Mr. C A Millican, Board Chairman from Loving, and Mr. Mack McConnell, District Conservationist, SCS, from Denton. During the discussion it was brought out that interest in soil conservation was much greater than ever before, but that the war had interfered greatly with application of practices to the land. Other limiting factors have been wartime shortages of labor, equipment, fertilizers and seed of adapted grasses and legumes.

The group voted to meet again on February 7 to make plans for actively participating in the Trinity Flood Control Program and to work out plans for increasing the availability of seed for soil improvement and conservation.

The general rains of last Friday have temporarily reduced the danger from fires on grassland in the district. During the next ninety days danger from fire on grassland will be extremely great. This is particularly true on grassland which was deferred from grazing during the past summer.

Everett Clark, Unit Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, pointed out. He further stated that two recent fires on the Land Utilization Project were caused by carelessness on the part of hunters. For that reason all hunters and motorists are urged to be CAREFUL WITH SMOKING on or along grasslands.

District Supervisor Joe E. Wilhite reports a very great interest among co-operators of the Upper West Fork Soil Conservation District in the Trinity River Flood Control Program which has been authorized by Congress. He reports that they are looking forward to the possibility that this program may bring in sufficient equipment to materially assist in advancing the execution of the district program.

Announcements Of
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—☆—
You are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church next Sunday. We believe you will find spiritual comfort in attendance at our Sunday School and Church Services.



Pastor E. E. TAYLOR

—☆—
OUR MOTTO:
"A Going Church For A Coming Lord"
FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR—E. E. TAYLOR

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
OF FINAL ACCOUNT
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY
CONSTABLE OF WISE
COUNTY, GREETING:**

W R Alexander, Administrator of the estate of Martha A Thompson, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Martha A Thompson, Deceased numbered 2923 on the Probate Docket of Wise County, together with an application to be discharged from said duties as administrator of said Estate.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by publication of this Writ for ten days in a newspaper printed in the County of Wise you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper to do so, at the next regular term of the Honorable County Court, to be holden thereof at the Court House in the 4th Monday in January, A D 1946, same being the 28th day of said month, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you this writ before the said Court at the time aforesaid, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed

the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Decatur, Texas this 15th day of January, A D 1946.

FRANK CLAY, Clerk, County Court Wise County
By Naomi Parish, Deputy.

I Hereby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

H M BRANCH, Sheriff
(Seal) Wise County.

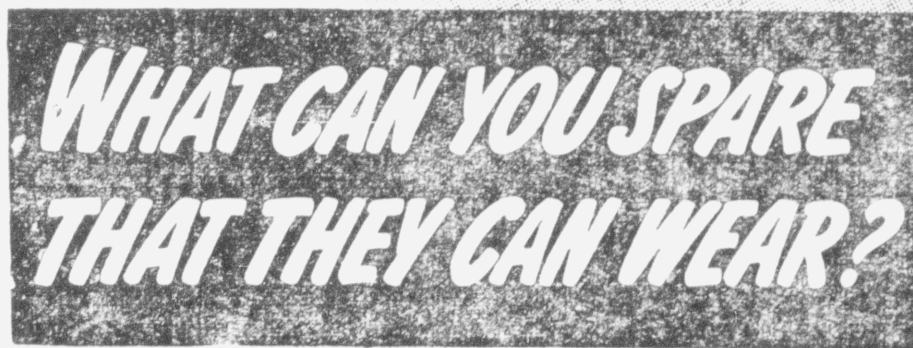
Joe Wren attended a meeting of Chrysler dealers in Dallas last week—and came back with-out a new car.

Sheriff Branch tells us that felony charges this year (1946) have been more so far than all during 1945. Something needs to be done somewhere!

Read the advertisements

DON'T SCRATCH!
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OH, what most of the human race would give to be in your shoes!

Clothing that you may consider old can bring new life to some suffering person to whom war brought despair and destitution. Goal of the Victory Clothing Collection is 100,000,000 garments, plus shoes and bedding. If your contribution seems negligible, bear this in mind: *Every garment you give means one more human being saved from cold or sickness or possibly death.*

About 25,000,000 people overseas re-

ceived clothing collected from Americans last spring. But for every person clothed so far, a dozen more remain virtually threadbare. Your spare clothing will be distributed free, without discrimination, to victims of Nazi and Jap oppression in Europe, the Philippines, and the Far East.

Dig into your attics, trunks, and closets today... dig out all the serviceable clothing you can possibly spare... take it to your local collection depot now. If you doubt the need for it overseas, ask the boys who've been there!

**VICTORY CLOTHING COLLECTION
for Overseas Relief JAN. 7 to 31** HENRY J. KAISER
National Chairman

This advertisement was prepared by the Advertising Council
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2:30 P M
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FOR SALE—Bois d'arc posts.
Flusche Bros

FOR SALE—One pre-war 50-
pound cooler in good con-
dition. Decatur Ice Co.

FOR SALE—Piano upright,
medium size in good condition
and looks nice. Mrs. Jack Stark,
16 miles east of Decatur, Route
2, 3-2tp

LOST—Friday, January 4th,
watch and chain, probably near
Greenwood school or Baptist
Church. Notify E. Williamson,
Greenwood, Texas for reward.

FOR SALE—3 6-mo-old white
English leghorn roosters, Har-
monson strand at \$2.25 each—
Mrs. J H Durbin, Phone 390

WANTED—Married man for
farm. Five room house, hot and
cold water, butane, all furnish-
ed. Permanent job. Hired Hand
Mule Ranch, 8 miles south of
Decatur. 1tp

FOR SALE—4 room house with
bath, 2 extra lots, '36 Chevrolet,
excellent condition, new tires.
See John Howard, west Decatur

FOR SALE—6 room house,
close in. Archie Morris, Deca-
tur. 1p

FOR SALE—87A farm, stock
and farming equipment, 8 mi
north-east Decatur. J R Branch,
Decatur, route 4. 4-5

REAL ESTATE—List your
property with me. G. T. Col-
grove, Floyd Doyle office. 3-2p

FOR SALE—Hygeri, bundles,
\$20 per ton. Henry Schluter,
Rhome, Texas 3-4p

FOR SALE—41 model Chevrol-
et 1½ ton truck, 24 ft. trailer,
920 tires, Hill Top Station, J
R Johnson, Bridgeport

FOR SALE—Johnson grass hay
at G B Malcolm place on the
Bridgeport highway, route 1

FOR SALE—Sandy land farm,
104 acres, 4 mi. southwest of
Alvord on Chico road. See F A
Champion, Alvord, Texas 3-4

FOR SALE—New planters, list-
ers, and cultivators for John
Deere tractor, C C Cooper, De-
cat. 3-2tp

NOTICE!

If you have a pure bred flock
of poultry and want to sell us
hatching eggs, please see or
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EGGS ON MONDAY, JAN. 28th
I will be operating a new
all electric Robbins incubator,
from a new location, across
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BURKETT HATCHERY
Decatur, Texas

FOR RENT—Large bedroom,
furnished or unfurnished, with
kitchen privilege, for couple. B
H Terrell

FOR SALE—Boys bicycle, good
condition. Piner Stephens, rt. 4,
Decatur 1tp

FOR SALE—Electric brooder,
been used one season. See Roz
Shoemaker at barber shop. 1tp

BUY AND SELL—We are open-
ing a Used Car Lot across from
Rogers Hospital. If you want to
sell your present car, see us.
Will buy, trade or sell. Aubrey
and Carson Shelton. 1tp

WANTED—To do ironing at
my home. Ethel Wardlow.

FOR SALE—Practically new
Ford tractor, equipment, power
bailer, new manure spreader.
James H Bullard, Bowie, Texas.
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DEALER WANTED—Respon-
sible man or woman wanted to
supply customers with Wat-
kins Products in Decatur,
business better than ever; en-
joy a good income from the
start. For more details write
the J. R. Watkins Co., 72-80
W. Iowa Avenue, Memphis 2,
Tennessee.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

Mrs. Herbert Emery
Reviewing
'DEAR RUTH'
College Auditorium
January 22nd. --- 7:30 P M
Admission 30c

CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY
CONSTABLE OF WISE
COUNTY, GREETING:

W R Alexander, Administrator
of the Estate of J E Thomp-
son, Deceased, having filed in
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said, with your return thereon,

showing how you have executed
the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
and seal of said Court, at my
office in the City of Decatur,
Texas this 15th day of Janu-
ary, A D 1946.

FRANK CLAY, Clerk, Coun-
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By Naomi Parish, Deputy.
I Hereby Certify that the
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and correct copy of the Original
writ now in my hands.

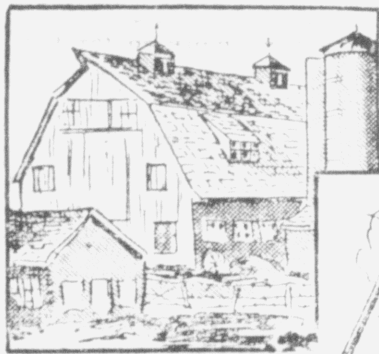
H M BRANCH, Sheriff
(Seal) Wise County.

Decatur items from page 1
turned over by the Army to the
Veterans' Administration on
March 31.

Premiums at the Southwest-
ern Exposition and Fat Stock
Show, March 8-17, will be the
largest ever offered by the show
with \$60,000 to go to exhibitors
of the best animals.

A recent issue of the Cole-
man paper carried a story, with
illustration, of the work of J
E McDaniel, FSA supervisor for
Coleman county. Coleman coun-
ty farm families have been mak-
ing a record on loan payments
under his supervision, accord-
ing to the story. Mr. McDaniel
will be remembered by many
Wise county people, having at
one time been a resident here
prior to moving to Coleman.

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Hitler on May 1.

Germany signed the World
War II Surrender at Reims on
May 6.

The United Nations Organiza-
tion for world peace began
June 26 at San Francisco,
California.

On July 26, the Labor Party
won the British Election and
pushed Prime Minister Winston
Churchill aside for Clement
Attlee (who is an avowed So-
cialist).

Just two days later an army
bomber crashed into New
York's Empire State Building.

The date of August 2 will
ever be noteworthy, because on
that day the Potsdam Confer-
ence doomed Japan.

On August 14 President
Truman announced that Japan
had accepted surrender terms.

The top ranking German war
criminals went on trial at
Nuernberg November 20.

Bringing the year 1945 still
closer to the end, the UAW
strike at General Motors paved
the way for "forced" idleness
among over 160,000 people.

December 25 will be long re-
membered, too, as the first
peacetime Christmas. Wise
county people had enjoyed in
four tedious, trying and com-
modity-scarce years.

Consumer Goods Up About 50% Of the Expected "Normal"

The government Tuesday ad-

vised people that the flood of
new consumer goods, expected
to be let loose upon consumers,
has attained perhaps only half
of the scheduled volume to
date.

By mid-year, some officials
of the Civilian Production Ad-
ministration, however, estimate
that peace-time output of 1949
or 1941—well above the so-
called "normal" prewar year of
1939.

Wise County people are ad-
vised that labor strife, price
and tax problems, and some
distribution difficulties are
blamed for the slowness of
washing machines, refrigerators
and household appliances to
reach the market.

After announcement that only
75,000 new passenger cars were
produced for 1945, instead of
the 500,000 hoped for, Wash-
ington officials make these
guesses on other goods of in-
tense interest to Decatur and
Wise County folks.

Radios—Only about 15 per
cent of the hoped-for produc-
tion goal had been reached by
New Year's Day.

Refrigerators—They may
have hit a production rate of
100,000 a month. In 1939,
normal production, monthly,
of refrigerators was 200 per cent
ahead of present output.

Read the advertisements

National 4-H Dairy Production Winners



Three of six national 4-H dairy production winners are shown here, with their favorite animal and preferred liquid refreshment—milk. They are (left to right) Bill Van Cleave, Chapel Hill, Tenn.; James Galbreath, Street, Md.; and Earl Edwards, Jr., Floydada, Tex. They received college scholarships presented by the Kraft Foods Company. Bill started out eight years ago with one heifer, now has three cows, four heifers, two calves and a herd sire. Total income from dairy products is \$5,454, including \$803 in cash prizes. James has raised 16 dairy animals in eight years, won five junior, one senior and four grand championship awards; has grossed \$5,425, including \$550 in cash awards. Earl is milking a herd of 21 purebred Jerseys, with gross earnings of \$7,089 of which \$267 was prize money. He won grand championship and reserve champion in a county dairy show last year. He is secretary-treasurer of the Texas 4-H organization.

1945 City Tax Rolls have been completed—YOU MAY PAY YOUR CITY TAXES NOW !

CITY OF DECATUR

Mrs. Eva Perrin

Eva (Womack) Perrin was born October 21, 1895, south of Decatur.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womack of Decatur.

She was converted and joined the Methodist church when a young girl. She later moved her membership to Sand Hill Methodist church.

She was married to Ear Perrin in Nov. of 1914.

To this union were born five children all of Decatur: Charles, Earline, Isabelle, Jo Ann and Frank.

Mrs. Perrin departed this life in a Decatur Hospital Tuesday, December 18, at 1:00 o'clock.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Perrin, six sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Fort Worth, Mrs. Claude Porter, Paradise, Mrs. Sidney Keoninger, Hale Center, Mrs. Leo Keoninger, Newlin, Mrs. Ruth Harlan, South Texas, and Mrs. Arnie Deaton of Decatur, and five brothers: J. L. J. E. L. C. Roy and Preston Womack, all of Decatur and a host of nieces

and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Wednesday, December 19, at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Terrell and Roy Anderson.

Pall bearers were Cleo Rann, Avery Rasberry Ira Maley, Ira Gooder, J. W. Brady, Jennings C. Brown.

Interment was made in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Coy Burke

Miss Lillie Mae Kemp was born east of Decatur in the Allison community, August 11, 1913, and has lived her entire life except the last seven months in and near Decatur.

She was married to W. Coy Burke of the Sweetwater community, Dec. 5, 1934. Three children were born to this union, two daughters and one son.

Mrs. Burke was converted in a meeting at Cornith church southeast of Decatur and joined that church in 1933. She later moved her membership to the Allison church where it remained until her death.

She was a faithful church

permitted and was a good christian wife and mother.

She departed this life at Hurst, Texas, 11 miles east of Fort Worth where they moved seven months ago, at seven o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 20.

She is survived by her husband, and three children who are Coleen, Coy Jr. and Dorris Jean, three brothers and three sisters as follows: Obie Kemp of San Francisco, Calif., who was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy Dan Kemp with the U. S. Army in the Aleutian Islands and Joe Kemp of New-ark, Texas, Mrs. Fred Bazzley of Henrietta, Okla., Mrs. Chas. Boydston of Decatur and Mrs. E. B. Boling of Arlington, Tex., and a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at

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FEED PURINA BULKY LAS with OATS

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- HELPS BUILD A STRONG VIGOROUS CALF
- HELPS CONDITION FOR EXTRA MILK AHEAD



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ROBERTSON PRODUCE

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One of the brightest facts of the war effort is that many billions of dollars have been saved and are now in possession of the people. Eighty-five million Americans have bought War Bonds and are hanging on to them and have seventy-five million bank accounts, too.

These savings can mean much to the future welfare of our country and ourselves. They will permit us to spend more of our current income once goods become plentiful again. The savings themselves can be used to tide us over emergencies and for such things as new homes. Thus the savings of the war years and the months immediately ahead can contribute to demand for goods, busy factories and jobs later on. Save now while goods are scarce and the threat of rising prices continues. Buy Victory Bonds.



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Interment was made in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Pall bearers were six nephews.

William Vaughn

William Jarrett Vaughn was born August 29, 1868, and departed this life Dec. 11, 1945 at the age of 77 years. He joined the Baptist church at the age of 23 and he lived a fine devoted christian life, and lived the last 28 years of his life in Wise county.

And he was married to Miss Dora Catherine Moore and to this union was born two children.

He leaves to mourn his going

his wife and two sons, John W. Vaughn, Electra, Texas and James F. Vaughn of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Brother Vaughn was the last one called in death of ten children. He leaves a host of relatives, loved ones and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Fundamental Baptist church Wednesday, December 12 at three o'clock, conducted by Pastor, Rev. E. E. Taylor of Decatur Interment was in the Oak Lawn Decatur Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Alvis Wells, Charles Spain, Van Spain, Roy Neel, Henry Watts and Merj Foster, all of Decatur.

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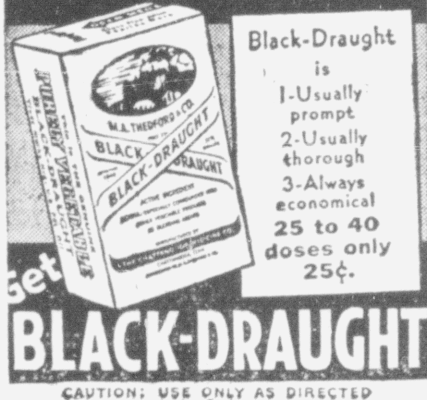
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PARADISE NEWS

By Georgia Cleveland

Lena Pearl Harrison was born in Gibson County, Tennessee, June 9th, 1889, was married to Arthur Steele in 1913. To this union one son was born, Melvin Homer Steele. Arthur Steele passed away in 1923. She married Roy Ramsey in 1935, passed away Dec. 23, 1945 at her home at Paradise at the age of 56 years. Funeral services were held in the Church of Christ by J. Willard Morrow of Fort Worth on Dec. 25th.

She was survived by her husband, Homer Steele of the U. S. armed forces; two sisters, Mrs. Ben Moore and Mrs. Bud Knight of Memphis, Texas, and one brother, John Harrison of Memphis, Texas; three stepchildren, Mrs. Vernon Hammock of Dallas; Jack Ramsey of Newark and Mrs. Ted Zorns of Boyd, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

Hawkins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Roy Ramsey, a citizen of this community a long number of years, was buried Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moody and son Emmett of Floydada spent the Christmas holidays in Paradise and Bridgeport, visiting relatives.

Mrs. T. P. Read, our music teacher, is in a hospital in Fort Worth, but is improving at this writing. Also T. P. Read and T. P. Harris are on the sick list.

Mrs. R. W. Haggard and little daughter of Brownfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Harstell and daughter of Hale Center spent Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. O. L. Harstell.

The washateria being constructed by T. P. Harris will soon be opened for business. Paradise is truly proud to get this new business.

Mr. Sammie Potts and Miss Helen Marr were married during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cleveland were shopping in Bridgeport and Decatur Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. Crawford is visiting her son, H. P. Crawford, over the

Discharged

San Antonio, Texas—Pfc. J. P. Manire, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Manire, who served overseas 7 months as a glider mechanic with the 8th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations, has been separated from the Army Air

Forces at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command.

Before entering the army he worked two years for the Tennessee Dairy in Decatur.

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY IN JAPAN

Pvt. William L. Fennell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fennell of Route 2, Decatur, has arrived in Japan with the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Division.

He joined the 32nd in Northern Luzon and accompanied them to Kyushu, southernmost large island in the Japanese group. His unit, Battery A, 126th Field Artillery Battalion, is stationed in the city of Oita as part of the occupation forces.

The occupation climaxes the 32nd's many smashing victories over the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific. Fennell is seeing first hand the people whose army the Red Arrow men defeated at Buna, Saidor, Aitape, Blak, Morotai, Leyte and Luzon. The division amassed a total of 654 days of combat time in World War II.

Pvt. Fennell entered the army in October of 1944, received training at Camp Hood, Texas, and embarked for over-seas duty on Sept. 15 aboard the U.S.S. John Lykes.

The 32nd Division, under the command of Brig. Gen. Robert B. McBride Jr., is part of Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army.

LEAVES FOR MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA

Bridgeport, Texas, Jan. 16—

Miss Blanche Groves left Bridgeport last Monday to sail for China where she will again take up the work of Missionary in Sou Chow, China. She was in this work when the War broke out between China and Japan and remained at her post until she was captured and was a Jap prisoner for several months until released by exchange of prisoners was arranged and she was among the first prisoners to arrive back in the states. She returned on the S S Gripsholms and came back to her old home and Baptist church in Bridgeport. She had all plans arranged for the call and it came to her to come to Houston, Texas to make all plans complete for the voyage. She received many nice presents and aid from the First Baptist Church of this city. She plans to spend the remainder of her years at her former Missionary post in Sou Chow, China.

DR. WARD GUEST SPEAKER AT BROTHERHOOD

Bridgeport, Texas, Jan. 16—

Dr. J. L. Ward of Decatur was guest speaker at the Baptist Brotherhood meeting Tuesday night January 1, 1946. Excellent attention was given Dr. Ward who delivered a wonderful message on stewardship. Officers were elected for the new year and everything set in motion for a progressive year. Otis Meek was elected president and Patt Culpepper secretary-treasurer. Many other men were elected and appointed on committees. A chili supper was served to the members and guests.

Meeting nights will be the first Tuesday night in each month.

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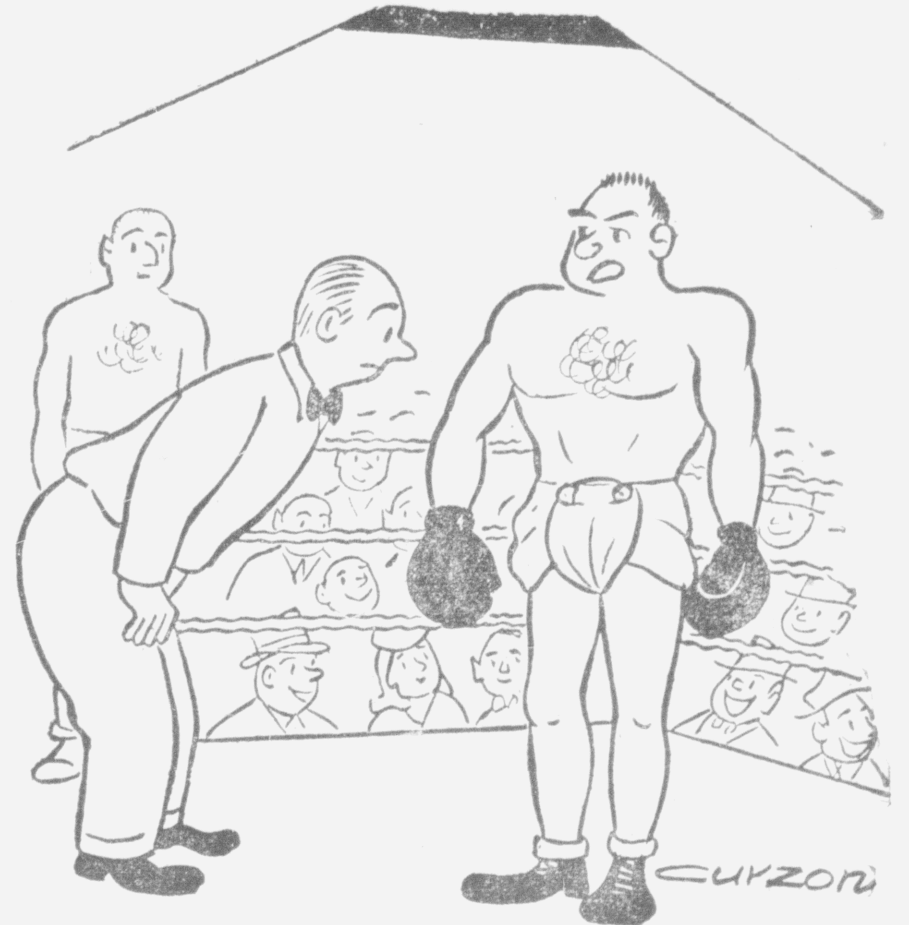
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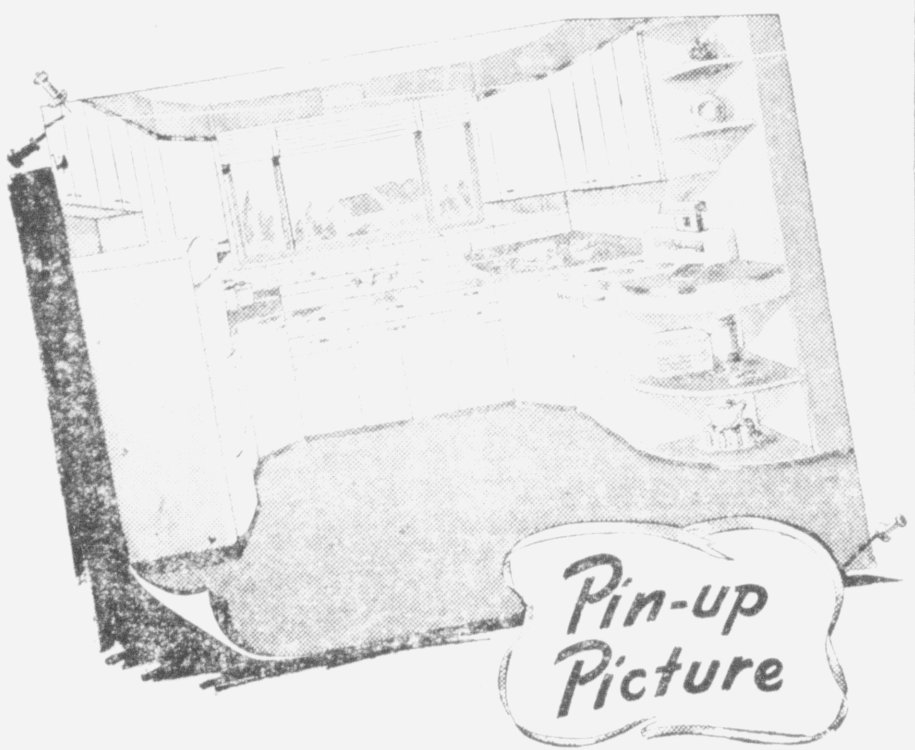
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Wesleyan Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Gordon Roberts Monday evening, January 14, with Miss Betty Willard as co-hostess.

Mrs. Ruth Hornback, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Cleo Rann. After a brief business session the meeting was turned to Miss Faye Cocanougher who conducted an hour of Bible study.

Delicious refreshments were served to nine members.

Presents Pupils

Mrs. Gordon Roberts will present her music class in recital Friday evening, 7:30, at the high school auditorium.

The public is cordially invited.

Legion-Auxiliary Joint Meeting

American Legion and Auxiliary will have a joint meeting and social hour instead of the regular meeting next Thursday, January 17. There will be initiation of candidates and possibly joint discussion of vital subjects.

Discharged

Charles D. Hebern of Newark has received his discharge from the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill.

Willie W. Care, S1/c, husband of Mrs. Nadyne E. Care, Rhine is one of 1929 high point veterans whom the Navy is returning to the states from Pearl Harbor for discharge aboard the U.S.S. OKANOGAN, which left Okinawa Dec. 22.

Promoted

Leslie Lewis has been promoted from Captain to Major, and is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Pearl Lewis, on terminal leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roach of Fort Worth, Mrs. Daisy McClough of Longview and Mrs. John Gilbert of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. George Roach Sunday.

Paul Lewis, a Marine from New Orleans, is visiting relatives here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindnesses and beautiful floral offerings at the time of the passing of our dear husband and father. May God be with each of you in your dark hour is our prayer.—Mrs. W. M. Rhine and children

Discharged

T/Sgt. B. D. Smith recently discharged at Fort Lewis, Wash. and Mrs. Smith of Temple, Mrs. Norville Kennedy of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jordan of Garvin, Okla. were guests of Mrs. B. D. Smith over the week end.

Lieut. W. R. Neighbors, Mrs. Neighbors and baby have returned to Tucson, Arizona after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. T. F. Cook has returned from a visit with Captain and Mrs. E. R. Rawlins at Harlingen and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hickey and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cook at Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hughes attended the funeral of Custer Hughes, a brother of Gus, at Gilham, Arkansas on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ray of Burkburnett visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cartwright over the week end.

T/5 Walter L. Jackson, son of Mrs. Jesse Jackson of Boonsville is one of high point army veterans whom the navy is returning home for discharge on board the USS President Hayes leaving Japan December 28, and scheduled to arrive in San Pedro on January 3.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Pastor Ray Averitt

Our revival with Rev-Evangelist Louie E. Shultz will continue through January. God is wonderfully blessing our church through the inspiring preaching of Bro. Shultz.

We extend you a hearty welcome to attend the revival, also to our regular services Sunday School 10 AM, Preaching 11 AM, Sunday night Evangelistic Service at 7 PM. Come, bring your family and neighbors!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Bell announces he will preach Sunday morning on Hidden Power, At 7:15 PM. Rev. Herbert Burns, a senior student in the college will preach.

Rev. Archie Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church at Greenwood, preached last Sunday night and at the close of the service baptized three candidates. About 50 members of the Greenwood congregation came with the pastor to the service.

Sunday school begins every Sunday at 9:45 and the Training Union at 6:15 P. M. Visitors at all these services are very much appreciated, and the pub-

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